

## **Resilience and Food Security Policy Program Officer**

**Position Title:** Program officer, Backstop 02, FSL-02

**Functional Title:** Resilience and Food Security Policy Program Officer

**Location of Position:** U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Office of Agriculture Research & Policy, Policy Division

**Position Grade:** FSL-02

**Salary Range:** \$85,181 - \$125,091

**Position Opening Date:** November 28, 2018

**Position Closing Date:** December 12, 2018

**Bureau Description:** The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads coordination and implementation of the U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) through the U.S. Government's Feed the Future (FTF) initiative to combat global hunger, poverty and malnutrition. BFS manages an annual initiative budget of roughly \$1 billion and leverages the resources and efforts of other donors, multilateral organizations, the private sector, civil society, the global research community, and other stakeholders. BFS has overall responsibility for the strategic planning, funding, design, implementation, oversight and evaluation of all programs and projects that contribute to the GFSS.

**Description of Office:** This position is located in USAID's Bureau for Food Security (BFS) in the Policy Division in the Agriculture, Research, and Policy Office. The Policy Team is charged with USAID's implementation of the Policy Agenda under the GFSS. The Policy Team plays a key role in strategic foresighting and analyzing global and FTF trends and their impact on FTF.

**Description of Position:** The Resilience and Food Security Policy Program Officer's function is to provide agricultural and food security policy-related technical advice and guidance to Bureau, Mission and interagency staff to improve program strategy, design, implementation and performance measurement.

### **Description of Key Duties:**

- Serves as the principal point of contact and responsible for monitoring and evaluating GFSS policy programs, approaches and performance; and is a key point of contact and responsible for policy analysis;
- Advises BFS leadership on food security and agriculture policy best practices, as well as on long-range technical and management plans for efficient and effective development program implementation and administration;
- Serves as an expert analyst in the assessment and improvement of program effectiveness in agriculture and food security policy; and monitoring and evaluating agriculture and food security policy and agriculture and food systems;
- Serves as liaison between USAID and other USG agencies involved in monitoring and evaluating GFSS programs in GFSS target and aligned countries;

- Maintains regular contact with Missions and travels to FTF countries as required to provide technical advice, and program monitoring and oversight;
- Interacts and coordinates closely with U.S. universities and international research institutions, bilateral and multilateral donors, other U.S. agencies and departments, host-governments and regional organizations, UN programs and agencies, think tanks, private voluntary organization and non-governmental organizations, and Congressional staff; and
- Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with professional colleagues and institutions on FTF and other BFS agricultural issues.

**Qualifications Required:**

- Masters Degree: economics, development, agriculture, nutrition, natural resource management, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; OR Combination of education and experience: Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.
- Mastery of advanced theories, concepts, principles, tools and practices related to economics, analysis, monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- Mastery level knowledge of one or more of the following: food security, agriculture systems, food systems, market systems, resilience, and nutrition.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills in order to present complex economic or performance management information to an educated, but not necessarily knowledgeable audience.
- Significant experience with policy as relates to food security, agriculture, resilience, and/or nutrition;
- Significant knowledge of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America regions gained by residential work experience of overseas or repeated short-term work.
- Familiarity with USAID regulations and processes; the Feed the Future initiative, its strategy, priorities and goals; and experience with USAID's work in USAID missions and at headquarters in Washington DC;
- Proven ability to work effectively as part of and across teams.

**Eligibility:** Only U.S. Citizens may apply.

**Veteran's Preference:** BFS will consider veteran's preference eligibility as a positive factor in making FSL selections. Applicants eligible for veteran's preference must include that information in their cover letter and should attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions.

**Application Instructions:** Please send detailed CV, cover letter and any supporting documentation to [bfsjobs@usaid.gov](mailto:bfsjobs@usaid.gov) with the position's official and functional titles in the e-mail subject line, by the position closing date listed above.

In your cover letter, please also:

1. indicate your U.S. citizenship status
2. indicate your veteran's status, if any, and
3. include contact information (name, title, e-mail and telephone) for three references, one of which must be a current or former supervisor.

For more information: <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/increasing-food-security-through-feed-future>